

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/671,245

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview of 11/16/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16,19,22,25,29,33,37 and 41 (now renumbered 1-8).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Zachary S. Stern (Reg. No. 54,719) on 11/16/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

2. **CANCEL** claims 27,31,35 and 39.
3. In claim 16:
 - a. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in line 8.
 - b. **REPLACE** "to the first" **WITH** "to first" in line 15.
 - c. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in lines 15-16.
 - d. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in lines 22-23.
 - e. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in line 24.

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- f. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in lines 26-27.
 - g. **INSERT** "in part" **AFTER** "at least" in line 22.
 - h. **INSERT** "further" **AFTER** "inquiry response" in line 25.
- 4. In claim 19:
 - a. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in lines 6-7.
 - b. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in line 13.
 - c. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in line 18.
 - d. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in lines 19-20.
 - e. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in line 22.
 - f. **INSERT** "in part" **AFTER** "at least" in line 17.
 - g. **INSERT** "further" **AFTER** "inquiry response" in line 21.
- 5. In claim 22:
 - a. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in lines 9-10.

- b. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in line 16.
 - c. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in line 21.
 - d. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in lines 22-23.
 - e. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in line 26.
 - f. **INSERT** "in part" **AFTER** "at least" in line 20.
 - g. **INSERT** "further" **AFTER** "inquiry response" in line 25.
6. In claim 25:
- a. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in line 8.
 - b. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in lines 16-17.
 - c. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in lines 23-24.
 - d. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in line 25.
 - e. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in lines 27-28.

- f. **INSERT** "in part" **AFTER** "at least" in line 23.
 - g. **INSERT** "further" **AFTER** "inquiry response" in line 26.
- 7. In claim 29:
 - a. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in lines 3-4.
 - b. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in line 11.
 - c. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in line 22.
 - d. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in lines 24-25.
 - e. **INSERT** "in part" **AFTER** "at least" in line 20.
 - f. **INSERT** "further" **AFTER** "inquiry response" in line 23.
- 8. In claim 33:
 - a. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in line 3.
 - b. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in lines 9-10.
 - c. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in lines 20-21.

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d. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in line 23.

e. **INSERT** "in part" **AFTER** "at least" in line 18.

f. **INSERT** "further" **AFTER** "inquiry response" in line 22.

9. In claim 37:

a. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in line 6.

b. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in lines 12-13.

c. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in line 22.

d. **INSERT** "further" **AFTER** "inquiry response" in line 21.

e. **INSERT** "selecting the second domain name inquiry response based at least in part on the server information corresponding to the second domain name server to said client;" **AFTER** "inquiry response;" in line 20.

10. In claim 41:

a. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in line 4.

b. **REPLACE** "domain name system servers" **WITH** "domain name servers" in line 11.

- c. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in lines 19-20.
- d. **REPLACE** "domain name system server" **WITH** "domain name server" in line 22.
- e. **INSERT** "in part" **AFTER** "at least" in line 20.
- f. **INSERT** "further" **AFTER** "inquiry response" in line 23.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 11. Claims 16,19,22,25,29,33,37 and 41 are allowed.
- 12. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to disclose or reasonably suggest a system as claimed, and as supported by the specification, wherein two responses to a domain name inquiry are received from first and second domain name servers, and selecting one of the responses based at least in part on server information corresponding to the first and second domain name servers and further based on a failure counter included in the server information corresponding to the first server exceeding a predetermined value. These limitations, when considered as a whole with the other claimed limitations, are not taught or reasonably suggested by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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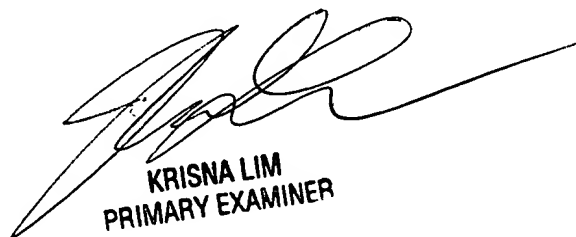
accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron Strange whose telephone number is 571-272-3959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glen Burgess can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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